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ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1859.

Congress ought to exercise a legitimate influence upon public opinion, and to be regarded by the people, with sentiments of respect, at least. The members, who systematically persist in an opposition to every effort to organize the House of Representatives, and proceed to the public business, cannot reasonably expect that that influence can be exerted, or that respect be obtained, for a disorganized and tumultuous assembly which does not fulfil its duties under the Constitution, and is only the means of keeping up agitation and excitement. We ask nothing-do not expect any thing, from the enemies to the Union in the House; but surely there are enough Union men, friends of the Constitution, to unite upon some conservative, national man, as Speaker, and elect him. There has been enough-and too much-of delay. It is full time now that the friends of the Union should proceed to action. The individual members must answer to their immediate constituents for their votes -but the WHOLE COUNTRY is interested in the speedy election of some one who is opposed to fanaticism, disunionism, sectionalism, agitation, and strife, as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

This is the season when the public docu ments are poured forth upon the country. They furnish a most valuable account of the progress and present condition of our national affairs, and of each of the branches of the government, directed by the Executive .-Their length, however, and details, prevent them from being generally read, by those who are accustomed to resort only to the newspapers for the history of passing events, and for information as to public matters. Hence, the newspapers very properly, and very conveniently for the public, furnish abstracts of these documents, which contain in brief, the principal items of interest set forth in the Reports. People generally, are, thus, saved much time and trouble; and after all, get all that they care to read or know. We published yesterday a condensed account of the contents of most of the Reports from the different Departments-but will refer. hereafter, more at length, to several of the recommendations contained in them.

A considerable portion of the President's ty, and rights of way. Message is devoted to a discussion of the African slave trade, which has been brought to the notice of the Executive by the late attempts to re-open that traffic, and the abortive efforts to bring the guilty parties to punishment. The President, says the National Intelligencer, reviews the history of the traffic in this country, and enters into an argument, honorable alike to his statesmanship and his philanthropy, to show its illegality, its inexpediency, and its inhumanity.

Senator Brown, of Mississippi, it is said, has intimated his intention to attack that part of the President's Message which suggests the judiciary as the proper tribunal to afford an adequate remedy in cases of interference with the right of the master to his slave in the Territories, instead of recommending Congressional action for protection.

Col. Benjamin Loring, one of the oldest and most widely known citizens of Boston, died on Saturday morning. He accumulated a fortune of half a million of dollars in the book bindery and stationery business, from which he retired a few years since. He was unmarried, and leaves his large pro perty to charitable and other institutions.

The recent speech of Gov. Wise to the Medical Students, at Richmond-is made the subject of much comment in the Northern papers-and some of the comments are ill-natured enough. Our Governor is an impulsive man-and may write and talk too much. But his patriotism and State pride none can doubt.

The President's Message is, generally, very respectfully treated by the press. Credit is given to him for his good recommendations, and those which are not so considered, are objected to, with courtesy and manliness. We speak of the press generally-there are exceptions.

At a late public meeting in Kansas, several persons stated that John Brown had acknowledged to them, that he was present at, and approved of, the murders at Pottawatamie Creek, in that Territory. There never was a greater old villain than that same

The Canadians are getting more and more restless, under the infliction of the free negro population brought into Canada, by the underground Railroad, and other means. They get the very worst of the bad.

Two of the crew of the barque James Cook, from Havana, for New York, mutinied on the passage home, and one of them was shot and dangerously wounded by the mate before he was subdued.

There has lately been "the rescue of a fugitive slave," in Nebraska territory, by a mob, who took him away from the United States Marshal, and hurried him off.

It is thought that Senator Pearce will be re-elected one of the U. S. Senators from Maryland. He is an able man and an excellent gentleman.

The New York Herald thinks that Gov. Wise's declaration "about fighting to remain in the Union, not to get out of it, should be written in letters of gold."

Tery confused and obscure.

It is said that there is no authority whatever for the despatch, stating that various parties connected with Kansas would be summoned as witnesses before the Harner's Ferry investigation. The purpose is to direct public attention to them. That specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather a fort-from Havre, arrived here the specularing the cold weather the cold weather the

It is proposed to have what may be termat Yale College, during the present winter, tures by leading reliable men, eminent in amply thick for the purpose. the different departments of agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising, &c.

Burton, the comedian, is so ill that his physicians positively forbid him to appear again on the stage in a professional way .--It is understood that he has disease of the heart, and it is stated to be doubtful whether

The pilot who took the steamer Mohican from Portsmouth, N. H., to New York, reports that the steamer put in at Princetown on account of sea sickness among the officers

Schamyl, the famous Caucassian chief, the fat of the land, is kindly treated, and is delighted with the Russian ladies.

The telegraph reports snow on Wednesday at the following places:-Washington, Richmond, Petersburg, Staunton, Charlottesville, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Cumberland.

Mr. Wyke, the British minister to Central America, is carrying out the understanding between the two governments.

The New Mexican Treaty.

present below a few of the points conceded by the Juarez administration in the new treaty. All the points asked for by our minister have been conceded by the Juarez Government, with the exception of the cession of territory, which she firmly resists .-To the citizens of the United States is herein conceded the right of way, in prepetuity, for three great transit routes across the Mexican

Republic. For a railroad or other communication across the Isthumus of Tehnantepec, from ocean to ocean.

For a railroad on some point of the Rio Grande, across the States of Tamaulipas, Coahuila, and New Leon, Durango, and Sinaloa, to the port of Mazatlan, on the Pa-For a railroad from the Territory of Ari-

zonia, across the State of Sonora to the port of Guaymas, on the Gulf of California. The right to erect warehouses at the terminal of all these transit routes, and freely

to navigate the waters with which they com-The right to transport goods and merchandize destined for Arizonia or California, or thence back to the other parts of the United

States, free of duty, by each and all of the routes across the Republic, whatever may be their description, or of what country. The treaty grants, moreover, the right to ransport the troops, military stores, and munitions of war of the United States across the Republic by the Tehuantepec and Sonora

transits, on the same terms as those of Mexi-It concedes to the United States the right. with or without the consent and co-peration of Mexico, to protect, by force of arms if necessary, all these transit routes, their proper-

It guarantees religious freedom to citizens of the United States in Mexico, and the right | ers' boys in the West. to worship in churches or private dwellings, according to the dictates of their own con-

science. No forced loan, whatever be its nature, shall be levied on citizens of the United States residing in Mexico, on any pretence whatever. Citizens of the United States moreover, shall be free to pursue whatever business or profession may seem to them fit, without restraint are no slaves in Nebraska, and none are ever or restriction whatever.

To the treaty is also attached a special supstates and Mexico, which concedes-

The right of the United States to intervene, by force of arms if necessary, to protect citizens and property of the United States in Mexico, and to enforce these same treaty stip-

## Virginia News.

The Clarke County Conservator savs:-'Holliday-ism and "tangle-foot" aided, on last Monday, in signalizing the original ap-Several battles were fought during the evening, and several of the pugilists were caged.'

all day on Monday, with the trial of Dr. Mc-Cormick's negro man for uttering incendiary threats some six weeks ago, and finally disposed of his case by requiring personal se-curity to the amount of \$1,500 for his future good behaviour. His master entered as seurity. On Tuesday, the cases of Col. F

McCormick's servants were taken up. The "Jefferson Guards," and the "Executive Guard," both composed of the residents of the town and neighborhood, are the only companies now on duty at Charlestown.

George Mott, a school teacher, of Lynchburgh, Va., was burned to death at Point Worthington, Mississippi, recently.

Mr. Elijah Joyner, of Southampton county, was accidentally killed on Monday, by being thrown from a sulky, to which was attached a refactory horse.

A COMPLEMENT.-The Auditor of Public Accounts in his biennial report to the General Assembly of Virginia, thus speaks of Mr. Geo. K. Fox, Sr., a Commissioner of the Revenue in Loudoun county. Mr. F. has held the office of Commissioner for a number of years, and the compliment is as just as it is well merited:

"The Commissioners books appear to have been made out with great care and attention to the public interest. His assessments are as large as those of any other Commissioner in the Commonwealth; and upon examination from life, and the great picture of the of his books, such has been his accuracy, that not a single error has been detected. To a ill at Stonington, Connectiont, where he man who has evinced such devotion to the public good-who has given so many evidences of a conscientious discharge of his duties, I had no hesitation in paying his

SHORT DAYS .- It seems that this year has more than its share of short days. The days He was also feted at the Spanish Embassy reached their shortest period on the 18th instant, and remained the same length till the 27th inst .- nine days -each day containing nine hours and four minutes. On the 27th the day was nine hours and five minutes in length, and in a few days thereafter the increase will be quite rapid. It is rarely that the days continue at the lowest point for so long a period .- Rich. Whiy.

The Providence, R. I., Journal-whose editor is U. S. Senator Anthony-says: "We believe that an overt act of treason by the disunionists would rally the great body of American citizens to the defence of

our Constitution and our Union." The better way is, not to wait for "the The New York Herald "pitches in" to overt act," but to "rally the great body of Secretary Cobb's report—and thinks it is American citizens to the defence of the Constitution and the Union" now.

News of the Day

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES."

Natchez, Miss., was visited by a severe snow, storm during the cold weather a fort- from Havre, arrived here to-night, bringing tract some of the most important portions zero. There was fair sleighing at Bastrop, the snow being three inches deep on a level and in some places drifted two feet deep. ed a great agricultural "protracted meeting" Three inches of snow fell at Brenham. The Winnsboro (La.) Sun of the 9th inst. says:to last throughout the whole month of Feb. The juveniles are now enjoying themselves ruary. The exercises are to consist of lec- in skating on the ice in the ponds, which is

A young man named William Greer, in Wheeling, hung himself last week. No cause has yet been assigned for the committal of the deed, except that the deceased has been deeply interested in the trials and executions of the Harper's Ferry insurrectionists, and has persued carefully everything coming in his way bearing upon those events. His friends are disposed to conclude from this that his desire to test the nature of strangulation by hanging, led him to try an experiment which terminated fatally.

Bishops Polk, of La., and Elliott, of Ga., are now on Sewanee Mountain, Tennessee, arranging to break ground in laying the cor- to ner stone of the new University of the South, now a prisoner in St. Petersburg, lives on which has been endowed with half a million of money. Bishop Hopkins, of Vt., is with them, assisting by his rare taste in selecting usually bestowed on royalty. the site and laying out the grounds. A number of comfortable cottages were built last fall, by the resident engineer, C. R. Bar-

> At the meeting of the National Health Convention, a member stated that the average length of human life is decreasing in New York and in the United States, and demonstrated our unhealthiness as compared with other nations. The causes of this, he thought were seen in our indigestible diet, our stimulating drinks, our overworking ourselves, the neglect of proper ablutions, the use of tobacco, and the unparalleled consumption of

The increasing number of inventions, with the immense monetary interests involved in questions relating to renewals of patents and to interferences, has for years rendered necessary that remedial legislation in the premises, that partisan agitations in Congress have hitherto frustrated. The new bill recently introduced by Senator Mallory, embraces those reforms that the experience of the officials at the Patent Office indicates as

The Union, Whig and American Committee will complete their arrangements in a day or two. They confidently expect to produce such a diversion in favor of conservative principles, as to extinguish the republi can party even in Massachusetts. They will, at least, reduce the party to a mere abolition party, with an abolition candidate. The ab olition wing, of itself, will be impotent for

A despatch from Washington says that owing to the delay in the organizizing of the house, no legislation affecting schedules for the next census is practicable, becaus the provision in the act of 1850 requires the same forms to be adopted, if not altered by law before the 1st of January." should suppose legislation can remedy the

An agent of the Children's Aid Society another from the Newsboys' Lodging House, Washington." a large number of the boys from that insti tution manifesting a desire to become farm-

The House of Representatives in the Legislature of Nebraska, have passed an "act to prohibit slavery in the Territory of Ne- The present wreath on the reverse, will give The negative vote was not a vote in favor of most unnecesssary piece of buncombe. There expected to be there.

The Legislature of Maryland, will meet plementary convention between the United at Annapolis on Wednesday next. The Senate is composed of twenty-two members-12 Democrats and 10 Americansshowing a Democratic majority of 2. The House of Delegates consists of seventy-four members-46 Democrats and 38 Americans -Democratic majority of 18. Dem. maj. on joint ballot, 20.

An unusually large number of the people of the Liberian republic are now on a visit to national shield, or "armorial achievement," the United States, preparing themselves for pellation of our little village-Battle-town. extended usefulness on their return. Among these may be named Wm. II. Ealbeck and II. W. Foster-the first of whom is a Libe- as a necessary caution to parents at this sea-The Clarke County Court was occupied rian by birth, the latter by adoption. They are attending the medical course of Yale College, &c.

Mr. Cobb, of Alabama, was so enraged at the sketch of him and his speech in the New York Times, that he came into the reporters' gallery on Saturday morning, and called for the Times correspondent, with a big cane in his hand, but the writer was not to be found, and of course did not get the caning.

The Mormons, according to their own census, are decreasing in Utah. In 1856 they numbered 38,000; in 1857 only 31,022; and in 1858 only about 30,000. They claim, however, that they are increasing in the country at large and in the world.

Mr Clark, U. S. minister to Guatamala, would not have issued his protest against negotiated by Dr. Wyke, had he known that that the Executive government of the Uni- that they were formed by the wind. ted States had previously assented to that

boundary - to wit: the ri er Soostoon. The steam sloop-of-war Narragansett has just returned from her second trial trip.-She was thoroughly tested by competent officers who were on board, and her performances are pronounced very unsatisfactory -Her machinery is defective. The greatest speed got out of her was 71 knots per hour.

Mr. Kembrandt Peale, the venerable artist, whose portrait of Washington, painted "Court of Death," are well known, is lying stopped on his way home from a visit to

Senator Seward was the object of the special attentions of the King of Belgium while in Brussels, and dined with him in company with the Prince and Princess of Prussia. in Paris.

John O. Wharton, Esq., one of the officers of the Maryland Agricultural College, met with a painful accident on Monday, by which one of his legs was broken, and one foot severely crushed.

The Memphis Enquirer, the Hon. Jerry Clemens and Solon Borland's paper, favors the nomination of Edward Everett for Presdent, by the Charleston Convention. The Boston Liberator calls up in the ladies

of the North to make use of nothing that is produced by slave labor. It needn't expect them not to use cotton. The total value of imports at New York,

ceed ten million of dollars.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Steamer Arago. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The steamer Arago

Senator Seward is among the passengers. He was received by a salute of 100 guns, and large assemblage of people. The Ship Monmouth, from Fleetwood. bound to Savannah, has been wrecked .-

The crew were saved. Lord Nordhouse is named as the second British Plenipotentiary to attend the Peace

Marshal Raudon, the French Minister of War, has resigned. Accounts from Morocco state that the Moors had twice attacked the Spanish redoubts, but were repulsed with a loss of 300

killed and 1,000 wounded. Seventy Spaniards were killed and 300 wounded. The steamer Canada's advices, via Queenstown, reached Liverpool on the 12th. The bark Eagle, of Nova Scotia, from New

Castle for Bermuda, was sunk November 10th, and the crew had landed at the Western Islands. The meeting of the stockholders in the

steamer Great Eastern, has been postponed the 11th of January. Lady Franklin is going on a visit to Pars, and will be received by the Scientific Sections of the Academy, with the honors

Thirty of the famous Armstrong guns were ready for the China expedition, all of them having been rigidly tested with perfect

ng the project of a law, reducing customs duties, more especially on articles of prime necessity. A third Spanish Corps D'Armee had left

for Morocco, intended, as was supposed, to assist in the storning of Tetuan. The cholera was said to have broken out

n the Spanish army.

Commercial Intelligence.—Liverpool Cotton Market.—Sales of the three days 25,000 bales, in-cluding 1,000 bales to speculators and exporters, principally the latter. The market closed steady. ome circulars say prices were irregular and quotations barely maintained.

Liverpool Breadstaffs Market.—The Market for

Breadstuffs had a declining tendency. Sales unmportant. For all articles prices were easier, but quotations unchanged.

Messrs, Richardson & Spence quote Flour as dull and sales unimportant. Prices easier but unchanged. Other corn markets were generally

Licerpool Provision Market. - The market generally closed quiet. Beef was dull but prices steady. Pork was dull-sales at 50s. Bacon was Lard dull and quotations nominal. Tal-

## Brown's Revengeful Spirit.

The following extract from a private letter from the Western Reserve, Ohio, published in the Hartford Times, is an illustration of his wicked heart and perverted head:

'As John Brown has been compared t Jesus Christ, I will give you one fact in his history which will illustrate his character .-He lived the last 18 years before going to Kansas, within 18 miles of here, and I was informed the other day by a gentleman in this county, who is a man of undoubted integrity, that when he lived in Hudson, 18 ears ago, a magistrate sentenced Brown and is four boys to 30 days' imprisonment in Akron jail, for burning a neighbor's fences and haystacks. Brown had a lawsuit with a neighbor in reference to a piece of land, and the court decided against him; and to has left New York for the West, with a com- gratify his amiable disposition, he burned pany of fifty boys and girls who are to be his neighbor's property. This is the man provided with homes. The party included whom the Republican party compare to

James R. Snowden, Director of Mint, in reference to the new coins, says that no change will be made in half or quarter dollar pieces. "The dime, however, will appear in new, and I think, improved dress, in 1860. braska." The vote was, yeas 21 nays 17 .- place to a more appropriate and national one, being a festoon composed of the chief slavery, but a vote against the passage of a productions of our country, interspersed with oak leaves, as emblematic of strength and durability. The legend, 'United States of America, will be transferred from the reverse of the coin, where it now appears, to the obverse, or principal side. The device on the obverse is not otherwise changed, but the execution of the dies is somewhat improved. The devices upon the half dime will conform in all particulars, ex cept the denomination of the coin, to the dime. The cent also will appear with a new reverse on the new year. A much improved wreath composed of oak leaves, takes the place of the present one, and is surmounted by the as it is termed in the resolution of Congress

of June 20, 1782." PAINTED Toys .- We publish the following

son of holiday gifts: "From a Belgian medical journal we learn that a child about a year old, who appeared to be in dreadful pain, and had a sort of foam at the mouth, was taken to an apothecary at Bossu, when it was found that the little creature had been poisoned by sucking the painted face of a doll, in which an extract of ad had been mixed. He administered medicines which saved the child's life, but he properly suggests that toy-makers ought to e prohibited from employing poisonous substances in painting play-things.

A singular phenemenon occurred in the towns of Victor, Bloomfield and Mendon, during a late snow-storm. Spherical balls of snow, from six to eighteen inches in diameter, and every one perforated longitudinally -the largest having holes sufficiently large the boundary line fixed by the late treaty to enable a man to insert his arm-were seen rolling in the snow. It is presumed

NOTICE. TIWO STEAM ENGINES One of 9 inch Cylinder, 30 inch stroke

One of 11 inch Cylinder, 30 inch stroke. Both new, can be bought a bargain if early application be made to T. S. JAMIESON. ENCOURAGE HOME MANUFACTURES.

50.000 LES. SOAP CANDLES, superi ny bought North at the same price, at LUNT'S mion street Soap and Candle Manufactory. Also, 10,000 bushels of ASHES for sale.

CONGRESS HALL. No. 159, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, Above the War Department, between 17th and 18th streets, Washington, D. C. MRS. A. ENGELBRECHT, PROPRIETRESS. Washington, dec 8-colm

GENTLEMAN, residing near Warrenton A GENTLEMAN, residing at the state of the st Boarding pupils. Session to commence 15th of TERMS PER SESSION OF FIVE MONTHS. oard and tuition in usual English branches ... \$7

French ..... Instruction on Piano and use of Instrument .... 20 One half payable in advance. Refer to Rev. P. D. Garley, D. D., Washington City: Rev. J. H. Bocock, D. D., Georgetown, D. C.; Rev. A. D. Pollock, and Rev. John W. Pugh, Warrenton, Va., or address for further informa-JAMES V. BROOKE,

Warrenton, Va. NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Road Company, will be held on Monday, 2d day of January next, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Office of the Company, No. 4, South Wharves. JAMES S. ROGERS, Treasurer, Registered stock, 6

dec 7-eotd FRENCH PASTE BLACKING, the best Blacking in use, for sale by dec 26 HENRY COOK & CO. for the two weeks ending the 24th inst., exSTATE AFFAIRS.

We find in the Richmond Enquirer, a very interesting synopsis of the recent report of the Auditor of Public Accounts. We ex-

LANDS AND THEIR ASSESSED VALUE. 1858. In Tide-water District..... 6.253,199 6.234.030 Piedmont District...... 9,896,927 in the Valley District..... 7,023,947 6,897,971 In Trans-Alleghany Dis't.. 26,284,755 24,665,314 .49,458,828

The number of acres assessed in 1859, is 1,750, 167 less than 1858. The lands are assessed in 859 at three hundred and fifteen millions four hundred and twenty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars, (\$315,426,221.) or six dol-lars, sixty-one cents per acre. It is well understood that lands are assessed for taxation much below their value, and we may, therefore, safely add twenty per cent., which would increase the average price per acre to nearly eight dollars. The acres above named, and the price, do not

include the City and Town Lots. FREEHOLDERS.
The tables show an increase of 2,621 freeholders the State in the year 1859 over 1858, as ascer-

tained by the Commissioners' Books. In Tide-water District ... 39,411 In Piedmont District ..... n the Valley District .. 26.212 In Trans-Alleghany District..... 54,042 156,467 POPULATION OF THE STATE. White. Free Neg. Slaves.

193,292

516.448

Tide-water 235.881 37.146

Piedmont ... 250,593 14,352 251,503 Valley ...... 184,808 5.686 39,871 Trans-Alle'y, 416,636 1,934 26,488 The French Council of State were prepar-Total .....1.087,918 59,118 511,154 1,658,190 THE INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE STATE, SINCE 1850, IN: Whites........193,118. Or about 22 per cent. gain. Free Negroes. 4,785.

Tot'l increase 236,529. Tide. Water. Slaves..... 20,910. Piedmont. Whites ....... 32,353. Or about 15 per cent. gain. Staves...... 14,590. " " Decrease of

free negroes 1,397. free negroes 722. " " 27 " "

The increase of population, as shown by the tables, and by estimates, is, from 189,519

Total value of lands as assessed \$315,426,221 34 for taxation ...... otal value of lots as assessed for taxation ... \$374,939,888 84 Total value of 511.154, slaves estimated at \$612.63, which is the average value in Georgia by 

property, except slaves, and such as is exempt from taxation otal value of dividends, inter-26,855,137 50 est, &c., which is taxed ...... otal value of property embraced in business, for which a license is required .....

empt from taxation Value of investments in Internal Improvement Compan's, which are otherwise taxed.

But as property is assessed for

taxation at least 20 per cent

below its fair value, the Auditor adds to the assessed price of lands and personal property ... Making a total value of ..... \$1,143,676,087 52 This sum divided between 1,087,918 persons, which is the number of the entire white

on of the State, gives to each \$1,051 25. FLOATING DEBT OF THE STATE. On the 1st of Oct., 1857, the floating debt amounted to ...... 1,245,341 70 ess amount paid in two years, to Oct., 1st 1859 .....

Outstanding on 1st of Oct., 1859; \$331,901 80 And all due December 15, 1859. o deduct the amount of cash on 104.013 36

\$227,888 44 To be paid out the receipts of the fiscal year 1859.
The rate of taxation now existing, notwithstand ng the increase of the public debt by appropriaus made by the last General Assembly, has ex ceded the ordinary annual charges by \$508,726. 63, or by \$1.017.453.26, for the two fiscal years last past, as will be seen by adding the cash on and to the amount paid on the floating debt. This fact does not prove, however, that the same rate would produce the same excess for the next two years, because the interest on quite a large ortion of the debt created by the General Assembly, was not issued and did not bear interest for

oth years, which of course it will do in the future.

THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE STATE. By the 29th section of article 4th of the Consti tution, it is provided that "there shall be set apart annually, from the accruing revenues, a sum equal to seven per cent of the state debt existing on the first day of January, 1852. The fund thus set apart shall be called the Sisking fand, and shall be applied to the payment of the interest of the State debt, and the principal of such part as may be redeemable."

The public debt existing on the 1st day of Janary, 1352 was ascertained to be \$11,971.838.30, and by an act passed March 26, 1853, \$838,028.68 were appropriated annually from the public trea-sury, to be applied to the payment of the interest and the principal of such part of the State debt as was redeemable. Notwithstanding \$494,000 of this debt bears but five per cent, interest, and \$1,226,500 has been redeemed, yet the annual appropriation for interest and sinking fund is not reduced, because it is necessary to be maintained to pay off the debt in 34 years.

THE NEW DEST.
The same article of the constitution provides, "that whenever, after the 1st day of January, 1852, a debt shall be contracted by the Commonwealth, there shall be set apart in like manner, annually, for thirty four years, a sum exceeding by one per cent, the aggregate amount of the annual interest agreed to be paid thereon at the time of its contraction; which sum shall be a part of the sinking fund, and shall be applied in the manner before directed. This debt is irredeemable for 34 years from its is-

sue; the amount of which created after the 1st of January, 1852, and before the 1st of January. ...... 2,962,687 00 4,571,416 87 1855 4,121,884 37 Less, am't returned

To 1st of Jan'y, 1856. 1,405,403 09 " 1858... 583,060 00 To 30th of September, 1859, being for part of this calendar year, and ending with the fiscal year 1859 1,226,500 00

\$19,480,321 33 Of this debt, \$1,865,000 bears 5 per cent, interest, and \$17.615,321 33 bears 6 per cent. interest. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have invested the one per cent. per annum above the interest contracted to be paid on these debts, to the amount of \$1,083,657 20. The entire debt of the State stands thus

\$15,928,616,63 per cent Registered stock, 5 \$16,422,816 63 | dec 29

Coupen debt, 6 per

Sterling bonds, 5 per 1,865,000 00

-\$13,767,500 00 \$30,190,316 63 Of this, the Commissioners of the

Sinking Fund hold an investment \$29,106,659 43 For purposes of taxation, and to meet the requirements of the constitution and the actereating the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, we must provide for the accruing revenues of the State for per cent. per annum on the old debt, exactly as

ment by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund..... 19,480,321 33

For the old debt of \$11,971,838 30 ... For 7 per cent, on the new 6 per cent, debt of \$17,615,321 33...... For 6 per cent. on the new 5 per cent. debt of \$1,865,000 00 ......

The whole interest for the year will be 1,787, 828 96 dollars, but there will be redeemed, 201. 150 dollars of the 5 and 6 per cent. debt, which saves the interest of that amount to add to the surplus required for redemption. 

Excess over interest applied to the

The Auditor says: "If the debt of the State should not be augment ed by any new issue of State bonds until the year 1870, the amount redeemed of the old debt would be \$4,195,518 72, and the surplus of the annual ap propriations above interest would be \$350,424 63 the new debt the State would own by invest ment therein \$4,423,411 45, and the annual fund applicable to further investment in this latter debt would be \$431,894 46—so that in 1870 the sinking fund commissioners will have redeemed, and will own by investment, \$8,618,930 17, and will have an annual fund for these two objects of \$782, 319 09, which will be constantly increasing in a geometrical ratio. If the debt of the State should be increased, the latter fund will be increased ac-

RECAPITULATION OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND CHARGES.

Balance in treasury on 1st October 1859-'60..... Estimated receipts for fiscal year 1859-'60.....

\$3,875,082 32 Estimated charges for fiscal year 1859-'60 .... Estimated excess of means ... Estimated receipts for fiscal year

Estimated charges for fiscal year 1860-'61..... Estimated excess of means over We conclude this part of our synopsis with the

llowing remarks of the Auditor:
"When it is considered that these balances will remain, after all the debts and liabilities of the State except the permanent debt, have been fully discharged, the financial condition of our vene rable Commonwealth must present sources of real congratulation to the country. And if there be any disposed to look upon her present condition or her future prospects under the jaundiced views of prejudice, or who may suppose her resouces in the east degree inadequate to her obligations, he is invited to examine the tables comprising this re port, and he will there find the basis for the con clusion, that in all that is substantially progres sive, practical and glorious, she stands pre-emi

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ing to all, whether they have slaves to hire

out, or slaves to obtain. The writer of this has frequently called attention to the above

facts, and thus far no result has been ob-

disappointed, for we are well aware how dif-

ficult the task is to change the habits or

customs of a people. We believe, and there

tained. In this, however, we have not been

fore say, that the public and private interests would be promoted by a change at the termination of the hiring year; and we further per cent. per annual of the per cent. per believe that any two or three extensive owners of slaves might and could effect the change in each county and corporation, in a very few seasons, without causing material inconvenience; and if, as we think, it is demonstrable that their private interests would be promoted thereby, is it not worth while to make the attempt at least. We believe, and we think every experienced physician will agree with us, that the present period of hiring costs the slaveholders of Virginia \$50,000 per year at the least, and we think this estimate far too low. Fifty negroes, at one thousand dollars each, would make up this amount, and there can be but little doubt that a much greater number contract disease, pleurisy, pneumonia, &c., which costs their lives, or renders their comparatively valueless, by standing about our streets, or going to and returning from hiring grounds, and in removing to new homes, left by others who made no provision to secure them from the weather; add to this the exposure of clothing and bedding to dampness. or perhaps storm, during such removal, and that for a week they are strolling about sometimes at home, but oftener elsewhere. and you have an aggregate of exposure sufficient to cause a loss by death and doctors' bills, more than the amount above stated. On the other hand. In every civilized community, Christmas is a season of festivity

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